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Egypt Sets 'CIA Spy' Trial

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CAIRO (AP) — An American-educated Egyptian newsman, Mustapha Amin, pleaded innocent today to charges of handing over military information to a U.S. intelligence agent.	demanding the death penalty. He requested that the trial be held in secret, saying state secrets would be revealed, and the court granted his request. The prosecution reportedly plans to introduce tape recordings of conversations between Amin and Odell which allegedly took place every Wednesday afternoon over a period of several months.
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Amin, 33, former editor of the Cairo newspaper Al Akhbar, was arrested last July and charged with passing information harmful to the United Arab Republic to Bruce T. Odell, U.S. Embassy political affairs officer.

The Egyptians claimed Odell was an agent of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. He was arrested with Amin but later was released and left Egypt.

Amin, a former student at Georgetown University, told the special military tribunal trying him he was innocent of the principal charge of contacting agents of a foreign power in order to pass on information, including details of Egyptian military strength, harmful to the UAR.

He admitted he was guilty of smuggling personal funds out of Egypt illegally, however.

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